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**114.6 CMR 13.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services  
Health Safety Net: H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Vaccine**

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The Health Safety Net (HSN) will pay for HSN providers to administer the H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines to any eligible HSN patient. The billing process differs for Acute Hospital and Community Health Centers and HSN Pharmacy Providers, as further described below:

*1. Acute Hospital and Community Health Center Providers*

Effective October 18, 2009, the HSN will pay HSN providers to administer the H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines when the sole reason for the HSN patient's visit is influenza vaccination.

Whenever possible, providers should administer H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines during regular visits with their patients. In such cases, payment for the vaccination is included with the regular visit, and HSN will provide no additional payment for the vaccination. When it is not possible to vaccinate HSN patients as part of a regular visit, the HSN will pay providers, the same amount for administration of the vaccine, regardless of the provider type, in accordance with the fee established in the DHCFP Medicine regulation, 114.3 CMR 17.00.

To bill for H1N1 vaccine administration at the same time as seasonal flu vaccine administration (when the sole purpose of the visit is vaccine administration), use the following service codes and diagnosis codes as applicable:

<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Service Description</i>	<i>Service Code</i>	<i>Diag. Code</i>
H1N1 Flu Vaccine	H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed	90470	V04.81
Seasonal Flu Vaccine	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections; <i>each additional vaccine</i> (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.)	90472	V04.81
Seasonal Flu Vaccine	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route, <i>each additional vaccine</i>	90474	V04.81

## 2. Health Safety Net Pharmacy Providers

Effective November 1, 2009, the HSN will also pay HSN pharmacy providers to administer the H1N1 vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine to all eligible HSN patients. The vaccines must be administered by properly trained and certified pharmacists and other health-care professionals in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regulations at 105 CMR 700.000.

HSN Pharmacy providers must bill for H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine administration through the Pharmacy Online Processing System (POPS), and will be paid according to the following table:

<i>Payment Rates for Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Providers</i>	
<i>Vaccine Service Description</i>	<i>Administration Fee</i>
H1N1 vaccine only, by injection or intranasal	\$13.76
Seasonal flu vaccine only, by injection	\$13.76
Seasonal flu vaccine, by injection, administered at the same time as H1N1 vaccine	\$7.23
Seasonal flu vaccine only, by intranasal route	\$9.06
Seasonal flu vaccine, by intranasal route, given at the same time as H1N1 vaccine	\$6.13